



# INFORMATION UPDATE

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We are pleased that we are now able to resume collection of foam packaging at depots province-wide, effective Monday December 27. This lifts the final remaining collection suspension, which affected glass bottles and jars and foam packaging over the past month.

- Collection of **foam packaging** from **depots** can resume **December 27**.
  - The decision to resume collection will be made by depots who collect on our behalf. We expect most will resume collection on Monday. However, given it is the holiday season, some may choose to delay collection of foam for a few days to manage other materials. For example, London Drugs locations will not be resuming collection of foam until after the holidays.
- Collection of **glass bottles and jars** from **curbside, multi-family and depots** in **BC** resumed earlier in December:
  - Collection of glass bottles and jars from curbside and multi-family in Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island resumed December 13.
  - Collection of glass bottles and jars from curbside and multi-family in all other areas of BC (as applicable) resumed December 20.
  - Collection of glass bottles and jars from depots resumed December 20.

The flooding in mid-November significantly impacted our ability to move materials throughout the province and limited our access to end markets. In some cases, receiving facilities were on the brink of being unable to accept materials due to capacity constraints. We did not make the decision to suspend collection of glass and foam lightly.

As depots begin to resume collection of foam across BC, we anticipate larger than normal volumes as residents begin to return foam they have held on to during the suspension. Together with our post-collection contractor, will work throughout the holiday season to remove these backlogs, all while managing the continued challenges facing transportation within the province.

Managing materials responsibly continues to be a priority. We continue to will work with all partners to ensure we handle all materials as effectively as possible.

We deeply appreciate all the efforts of our collectors and post-collection contractor during this time.